

I CLAIM:

1. A cart for transporting a hospital bed, comprising:  
a bottom panel having an approximately rectangular shape;  
at least two wheels having a physical attachment to a first side of the bottom panel;  
a first side panel having an approximately rectangular shape, the first side panel capable of connecting approximately perpendicular to the bottom panel adjacent a first edge of the bottom panel, the first side panel having an notch along a first edge of the first side panel, the notch adapted for immobilizing a component of a hospital bed frame when the frame is loaded on the cart.
2. The cart of Claim B wherein the first side panel has a permanent connection to the bottom panel.
3. The cart of Claim B wherein the first side panel has a hinged connection to the bottom panel.
4. The device of Claim 1 wherein the notch has a depth between about two and six inches and a width between about one and three inches.
5. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a lining layer on a second side of the bottom panel.
6. The device of Claim 1 further comprising an axle as part of the physical attachment between the wheels and the first side of the bottom panel.
7. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a lining layer on an inward-facing side of the first side panel.
8. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a first coupling in the first side panel.
9. The cart of Claim -1, further comprising a first extension element for securing the hospital bed during transport, the first extension element capable connecting to the first coupling in the first side panel.
10. The cart of Claim -1 wherein the first extension element is selected from the group consisting of straps, ropes, ties, rods, and tubes.
11. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a second side panel capable of connecting approximately perpendicular to the bottom panel adjacent a second edge of the bottom panel, the second edge approximately parallel to the first edge.

12. The cart of Claim -1, further comprising a lining layer on an inward-facing side of the second side panel.

13. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a first coupling in the bottom panel.

14. The cart of Claim -1, further comprising a handle capable of connecting to the first coupling in the bottom panel.

15. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a first hand grip adjacent a third edge of the bottom panel, the third edge approximately perpendicular to the first edge.

16. A cart for transporting a hospital bed, comprising:

a bottom panel having an approximately rectangular shape;

four wheels having a physical attachment to a first side of the bottom panel;

a first side panel capable of connecting approximately perpendicular to the bottom panel adjacent a first edge of the bottom panel, the first side panel having an notch along a first edge of the first side panel, the notch adapted for immobilizing a crank handle of a hospital bed frame when the frame is loaded on the cart; and

a second side panel capable of connecting approximately perpendicular to the bottom panel adjacent a second edge of the bottom panel, the second edge of the bottom panel approximately parallel to the first edge.

17. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a lining layer on a second side of the bottom panel.

18. The device of Claim B further comprising an axle as part of the physical attachment between the wheels and the first side of the bottom panel.

19. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a lining layer on an inward-facing side of the first side panel and on an inward facing side of the second side panel.

20. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a first coupling in the first side panel and a second coupling in the second side panel.

21. The cart of Claim -1, further comprising a first extension element for securing the hospital bed during transport, the first extension element capable connecting to the first coupling in the first side panel.

22. The cart of Claim -1 wherein the first extension element is selected from the group consisting of straps, ropes, ties, rods, and tubes.

23. The cart of Claim B, further comprising a first hand grip adjacent a third edge of the bottom panel, the third edge approximately perpendicular to the first edge.